

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Manual Barbosa

Application No.: 09/988,193                  Group No.: 3683

Filed: 11/19/2001                  Examiner: Nguyen, Xuan Lan T.

For: DRUM BRAKE BACKING PLATE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

**PRIOR TO APPEAL**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks. The purpose of the amendment is to place the application in better condition for appeal pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116.

NOT  
approved  
for entry.

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5/8/07